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Minnesota River Basin

- MN River Board: 507-389-5491; <http://minnesotariver.org/>
- MN Pollution Control Agency (Mankato office): 507-389-5977; <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/regions/mankato.html>
- MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (Southern Region Office – New Ulm): 507-359-6074; <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/contact/index.html>
- MN Department of Natural Resources (Southern Region Office – New Ulm): 507-359-6000; <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/contact/locator.html>
- MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts: 651-690-9028; <http://www.maswcd.org/>
- Natural Resources Conservation District (St. Peter Area office): 507-931-2530 ext. 5; <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/>
- U.S Corps of Engineers, St Paul District: 651-290-5200; <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/regulatory/default.asp?pageid=691>
- U.S. Geological Survey (Mound View Office): 763-783-3100; <http://mn.water.usgs.gov/>
- MN Geological Survey: 612-627-4780; <http://www.geo.umn.edu/mgs/>
- Minnesota State University Mankato, Water Resources Center: 507-389-5492; <http://cset.mnsu.edu/wrc/>
- University of Minnesota Water Resources Center: 612-624-9282; <http://wrc.umn.edu/>
- Science Museum of Minnesota: 1-800-221-9444; <http://www.smm.org/>
- MN Department of Agriculture: 1-800-967-2474; <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/>
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (St Paul Office): 612-713-5360; <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/maps/minnesota.htm>
- MN Waterfowl Association: 952-767-0320; <http://www.mnwaterfowl.com/>
- Ducks Unlimited (MN State Office): 952-820-8174; <http://www.ducks.org/states/48/index.html>
- National Park Service (St. Paul Office): 651-290-4160; <http://www.nps.gov/miss/index.htm>
- Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources: 1-800-657-3550; <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/>
- Minnesota River Watershed Alliance: 507-389-2304; <http://www.watershedalliance.blogspot.com/>

- Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition: 507-451-0073; <http://www.admcoalition.org/>
- Morgan Creek Vineyards: 507-947-3547; <http://www.morgancreekvineyards.com/>
- Crofut Family Winery & Vineyard: 952-492-3227; <http://www.crofutwinery.com/>
- Fieldstone Vineyards: 507-627-9463; <http://www.fieldstonevineyards.com/>
- August Schell Brewing Company: 507-354-5528; <http://www.schellsbrewery.com/>
- Brau Brothers Brewing Company: 507-747-2337; <http://www.braubrothersbrewing.com/>
- R.D. Hubbard House: 507-345-5566; <http://www.bechshistory.com/>
- Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center: 507-345-5566; <http://www.bechshistory.com/>
- John Lind House: 507-354-8802; <http://www.newulmweb.com/citylights/lind/lind.htm>
- Mankato Free Press: 507-344-6397; <http://mankatofreepress.com/>
- Chaska to York Factory in 49 Days: <http://www.colton-seanhudsonbay.com/>
- MN County Biological Survey: 651-259-5084; <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/mcbs/index.html>
- Working Together for the MN River: <http://mnriver.org/>
- MN River Valley National Scenic Byway: 1-888-463-9856; <http://www.mnrivervalley.com/>
- City of Willmar: 320-235-4760; <http://www.ci.willmar.mn.us/menu/departments/pw/wtp.htm>

Lower Minnesota River Watershed

- Nine Mile Creek Watershed District: 952-835-2078; <http://www.ninemilecreek.org/>
- Friends of the MN Valley: 952-881-9055; <http://www.friendsofmnvalley.org/>
- City of Arlington: 507-964-2378; <http://www.arlingtonmn.com/>
- City of Shakopee: 952-233-9300; <http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/>
- Lower MN River Watershed District: 952-856-5880; <http://www.watersheddistrict.org/>
- Wenck & Associates: 763-479-4200; <http://www.wenck.com/>

- Minnesota River Valley NWR: 952-854-5900; <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=32590>
- Carver County: 952-361-1500; <http://www.co.carver.mn.us/ppe.asp>
- Scott County WMO: 952-445-7750; <http://www.co.scott.mn.us/wps/portal/ShowPage?CSF=1386>
- Cedar Summit Farm: 952-758-6886; <http://www.cedarsummit.com/>
- Scott County SWCD: Scott SWCD: 952-492-5425; www.scottswcd.org
- Le Sueur SWCD: 507-357-4879; <http://www.lesueurswcd.org/>
- MN DNR Adopt-a-River Program: 651-259-5630; <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/adoptriver/index.html>
- MN 4-Wheel Drive Association: <http://www.mn4wda.com/>
- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District: 651-645-9149; <http://www.mmcd.org/>
- Alter Metal Recycling: 651-222-2751; http://www.altermetalrecycling/yards/St_Paul_MN.jsp
- Ney Nature Center: 507-248-3474; <http://neycenter.org/>
- City of Henderson: 507-248-3234; <http://www.hendersonmn.com/>
- City of le Sueur: 507-665-6401; <http://www.cityoflesueur.com/>
- Sibley County Environmental Services: 507-237-4091; <http://www.co.sibley.mn.us/default.aspx>
- MN Valley Wildlife Refuge Trust: 612-801-1935; <http://www.mnvalleytrust.org/>
- City of Lafayette: 507-228-8241
- High Island Creek & Rush River CWP: 507-237-4050; <http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/major/lowminn/subshed/hi/index.html>
- City of Gaylord: 507-237-2338; <http://www.exploreGaylord.org/>
- Sibley SWCD: 507-237-5435; <http://sibleySWCD.org/>
- City of New Auburn: 320-864-5831
- Carver SWCD: 952-442-5101; www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/LWS/swcd.asp
- Pheasants Forever: 877-773-2070; <http://www.pheasantsforever.org/>
- Metropolitan Council: 651-602-1000; <http://www.metrocouncil.org/>

Middle Minnesota River Watershed

- City of St. Peter: 507-934-4840; <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/>
- St. Peter Treaty Site History Center: 507-934-2160; <http://www.nchsmn.org/>
- Gustavus Adolphus College: 507-933-8000; <http://gustavus.edu/>

- Le Sueur County Environmental Services: 507-357-2251; <http://www.co.lesueur.mn.us/EnvironmentalServices.html>
- Brown-Nicollet-Cottonwood Water Quality Board: 507-934-4140; <http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/org/bnc/>
- Brown Nicollet Environmental Health: 507-931-6800; <http://www.co.nicollet.mn.us/departments.aspx?Id=810207f2-64a6-4c1a-8a4d-1dcccdf0bd5d>
- Mankato Area Environmentalists: 507-354-4494; <http://www.hickorytech.net/~enviros/>
- Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry: 507-389-4272; <http://www.ssndmankato.org/whatwedo/ministries/earth.php>
- City of Mankato: 507-387-8555; <http://www.mankato-mn.gov/>
- Blue Earth County Environmental Services: 507-304-4381; <http://www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/dept/environmental.php>
- Putting Green Inc: 507-354-7888; <http://www.puttinggreen.org/>
- Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River (CCMR): 507-359-2346; <http://www.newulmweb.com/ccmr/>
- City of New Ulm: 507-359-8264; http://www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={38AF3581-FF0D-426C-8665-7FA30A584706}
- Nicollet County Environmental Services: 507-931-6800; <http://www.co.nicollet.mn.us/departments.aspx?Id=2679d8ee-17c3-4ff6-97f2-240370fae34d>
- Nicollet SWCD: 507-931-3792; <http://www.nicolletswcd.org/>

Le Sueur River Watershed

- Waseca SWCD: 507-835-4800; <http://www.wasecaswcd.org/>
- St. Anthony Falls Laboratory: 612-624-4363; <http://www.safl.umn.edu/aboutus/aboutus.html>
- National Center for Earth Dynamics: 612-624-4606; <http://www.nced.umn.edu/content/about-nced>
- Freeborn SWCD: 507-373-5607; www.freebornswcd.org
- Mankato Area Paddling & Outing Club: 507-388-2444; <http://www.hickorytech.net/~mrbscr/?page0007.htm>
- City of Wells: 507-553-6371; <http://wells.govoffice.com/>
- Blue Earth SWCD: 507-345-4744; www.blueearthswcd.org
- City of Mountain: 507-427-2999; <http://www.mountainlakemn.com/>
- Faribault SWCD: 507-526-2388; www.faribaultcountyswcd.com
- University of MN Extension Service (Mankato Office): 888-241-3214; <http://www.extension.umn.edu/>

- Winterhaven Vineyard and Nursery: 507-234-5469;
<http://www.winterhavengrapevines.com/>

Blue Earth River Watershed

- Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance: 507-831-1153 ext. 3; <http://www.gberba.org/>
- Martin SWCD: 507-235-6680;
<http://www.martinswcd.net/>
- City of Fairmont: 507-238-9461;
<http://www.fairmont.org/>
- Rural Advantage: 507-238-5449;
http://ruraladvantage.org/?page_id=4
- Conservation Marketplace MN: 507-345-4744;
<http://www.conservationmarketplaceofmn.org/>
- Three Rivers Resource Conservation and Development: 507-345-7418 ext. 5;
<http://www.threeriverscd.org/Contact%20Us.htm>
- City of Mankato: 507-387-8555; <http://www.mankato-mn.gov/contact/Page.aspx>
- Simply Homemade: 507-236-1519;
<http://www.simplyhomemadefoods.com/5.html>

Watonwan River Watershed

- City of Madelia: 507-642-3245;
<http://www.madeliamn.com/default.php>
- Watonwan County Environmental Services: 507-375-1225;
<http://www.co.watonwan.mn.us/directory.aspx>
- Watonwan SWCD: 507-375-3104 ext. 101;
<http://www.watonwanswcd.org/>
- City of Mountain Lake: 507-427-2999;
<http://www.mountainlakemn.com/>

Cottonwood River Watershed

- Cottonwood SWCD: 507-831-1153 ext. 3;
<http://www.cottonwoodswcd.org/>
- Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area: 507-637-2134; <http://www.rcrca.com/>

Redwood River Watershed

- Area II MN River Basin Projects Inc: 507-537-6369;
<http://www.area2.org/>
- MN DNR Water Trails Program: 651-296-6157;
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/watertrails/index.html>
- Redwood SWCD: 507-637-2427 ext 3;
<http://www.redwoodswcd.org/>
- Southwest Minnesota State University: 507-537-6171;
<http://www.smsu.edu/>
- Lyon SWCD: 507-537-0396 ext. 3;
<http://www.lyonswcd.org/>
- Schwan Food Company: 800-533-5290;
<http://www.theschwanfoodcompany.com/>
- Lincoln SWCD: 507-694-1630 ext. 3;
<http://www.lincolnswcd.net/>
- City of Lake Benton: 507-368-4641;
<http://www.lakebentonminnesota.com/>

- Lincoln County Environmental Office: 507-694-1344;
<http://www.co.lincoln.mn.us/Departments/Environmental.htm>
- Tatanka Bluffs: 507-637-2828;
<http://www.tatankabluffs.com/>

Hawk Creek Watershed

- Hawk Creek Watershed Project: 320-523-3666;
<http://www.hawkcreekwatershed.org/>
- Southern MN Beets Sugar Cooperative: 320-329-8305;
<http://www.smbssc.com/contact.php>
- Renville SWCD: 320-523-1559;
<http://www.renvilleswcd.com/>
- Kandiyohi SWCD: 320-235-3906;
<http://www.co.kandiyohi.mn.us/swcd/>
- City of Granite Falls: 320-564-3011;
<http://www.granitefalls.com/city.html>
- City of Minneota: 507-872-6144;
http://minneotamn.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9&Itemid=2
- Yellow Medicine River Watershed District: 507-872-6720; <http://www.ymrwd.org/>
- Moonstone Farm: 320-269-8971;
<http://www.prairiefare.com/moonstone/>
- Land Stewardship Project (Montevideo Office): 320-269-2105; <http://www.landstewardshipproject.org/>

Chippewa River Watershed Project

- Chippewa River Watershed Project: 320-269-2139 ext 116;
http://www.chippewariver.com/about_proj.aspx
- Swift SWCD: 320-842-7201;
<http://www.swiftswcd.org/>
- Swift County Environmental Services: 320-843-2356;
http://www.swiftcounty.com/index.asp?Type=B_BA_SIC&SEC=%7BD5E7B40E-3432-442B-876C-D22E97445A8B%7D
- Pope SWCD: 320-634-5327;
<http://www.popeswcd.org/>
- West Central MN Regional Partnership: 320-760-3735;
<http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu/westcentral>
- Clean Up the River Environment: 320-269-2984;
<http://www.curemnriver.org/>
- Chippewa SWCD: 320-269-2139 ext. 3;
<http://www.chippewaswcd.org/index.htm>
- City of Benson: 320-843-4775;
<http://www.bensonmn.org/>
- Prairie Horizons Farm: 320-239-4054;
<http://www.localfoods.umn.edu/prairiehorizons>
- Douglas SWCD: 320-763-3191 ext. 3;
<http://www.douglasswcd.com/>
- Pastures A' Plenty Farm: 320-367-2061;
<http://www.pasturesaplenty.com/>
- Chippewa County Extension Service: 320-269-1652;
<http://www.extension.umn.edu/>

- Chippewa County Land and Resource Management Office: 320-269-6231;
<http://www.co.chippewa.mn.us/land.htm>

Lac qui Parle River Watershed

- Lac qui Parle – Yellow Bank CWP: 320-598-3117
- Lac qui Parle SWCD: 320-598-7321 ext. 3;
<http://www.lacquiparleswcd.org/>
- Yellow Medicine SWCD: 320-669-4442 ext. 3;
<http://www.yellowmedicineswcd.org/>
- Lac qui Parle County Environmental Office: 320-598-3132; <http://www.lqpc.com/environment.php>
- Yellow Medicine County: 320-564-2529;
http://yellowmedicine.govoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7B14488D23-4054-4FCE-A973-DEC6492FFC70%7D
- Lincoln County Environmental Office: 507-694-1344;
<http://www.co.lincoln.mn.us/Departments/Environmental.htm>
- Prairie Country Resource Conservation and Development: 320-231-0008 ext. 5;
<http://www.co.kandiyohi.mn.us/pcrcd/>
- Lac qui Parle – Yellow Bank Watershed District: 320-598-3117;
http://mnwatershed.govoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7B616BBA6D-F704-4EE8-AE81-D63091B78E0A%7D
- A-Frame Farms: 320-598-3010;
<http://www.localharvest.org/farms/M3439>
- Earthrise Farm: 320-752-4700;
<http://earthrisefarmfoundation.org/>
- City of Madison Chamber of Commerce: 320-598-7301;
<http://www.madisonmn.info/>
- Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area: 320-734-4451;
<http://www.prairiewaters.com/places.php?id=177>
- City of Dawson: 320-769-2154;
<http://www.dawsonmn.com/>

Pomme de Terre River Watershed

- Pomme de Terre River CWP: 320-589-4886 ext. 3;
<http://www.co.stevens.mn.us/SWCD/wq.shtml>
- Stevens SWCD: 320-589-4886 ext. 3;
<http://www.co.stevens.mn.us/SWCD/index.shtml>
- Pomme de Terre River Association:
<http://www.pdtriver.org/>
- Morris Senior High School: 320-589-4400;
<http://www.morris.k12.mn.us/>
- Pope SWCD: 320-634-5327;
<http://www.popeswcd.org/aboutus.htm>
- Stevens County Environmental Services: 320-208-6558;
<http://www.co.stevens.mn.us/docs/departments/environment/default.html>
- University of Minnesota Morris: 888-866-3382;
<http://www.morris.umn.edu/>

Upper Minnesota River Watershed

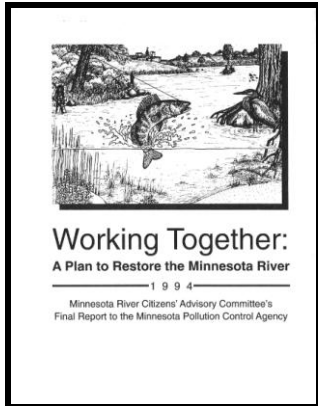
- Upper Minnesota River Watershed District: 320-839-3411;
http://mnwatershed.govoffice.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7B90365544-D993-4FA4-AA49-645DC482C220%7D
- East Dakota Water Development District: 605-688-6741;
<http://www.eastdakota.org/>
- Big Stone SWCD: 320-839-6149 ext. 3;
<http://www.bigstoneswcd.org/>
- City of Ortonville: 320-839-3428;
<http://www.ortonville.net/>
- Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge: 320-273-2191;
<http://www.fws.gov/refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=32640>
- Prairie Wind Farm: 320-568-2110

Minnesota River Basin Reports

Below you will find an overview of the five reports cited under the Minnesota River Recommendations section on pages 141 through 144.

Minnesota River Citizens' Advisory Committee

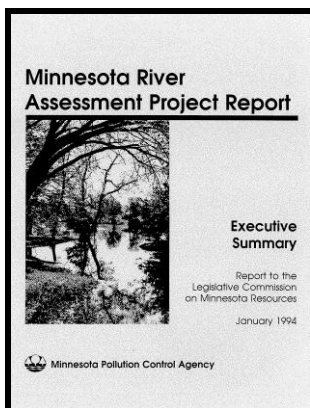
A group of 30 individuals representing farmers, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, agriculture groups



and others came together for two and half years to study water quality issues in the Minnesota River Basin and develop recommendations for water quality efforts for the basin. These recommendations were examined at the beginning of the report along with a new look at how they have either succeeded or failed.

Minnesota River Assessment Project Report

Federal, state and local government agencies cooperated on the four-year study to evaluate pollution sources and

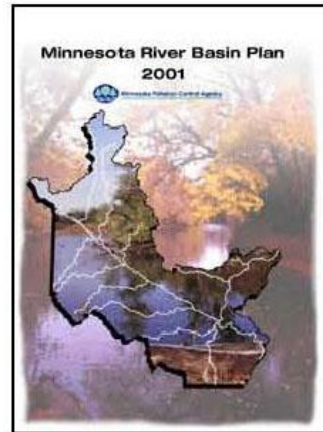


how it affects the Minnesota River by examining water chemistry, biological communities and land use. Funded by the Legislative Commission on the Minnesota Resources and other sources, more than 30 federal, state and local agencies participated in the study. Two major goals were followed: (1).

Assess water quality and set water quality improvement objectives for individual tributaries and sites along the main stem of the river; and (2). Develop assessment techniques that are transferable to other large basin studies in the state.

Minnesota River Basin Plan

Issued in December of 2001 by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), this plan was intended to be



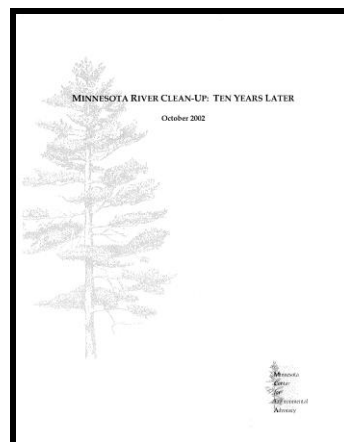
another step in the process to improve water quality after Governor Arne Carlson issued his proclamation of "making the Minnesota River fishable and swimmable in ten years." The Minnesota River Basin Plan sets goals and strategies to improve the river based on scientific research and citizen recommendations.

"To restore, protect and maintain water quality, bio-diversity and the natural beauty of the Minnesota River" is the overall goal of this plan.

The Minnesota River Basin Plan outlined six objectives that covered dissolved oxygen, nutrients, sediment, toxics, bacteria and biology along with action strategies. These strategies include: Recognize Threats to Minnesota's Environment; Prevent, Limit and Clean Up Pollution; Improve Government Services and Collaboration; and Provide Responsible Services to Citizens and Stakeholders. MPCA stressed that state government would look toward local government and watershed teams for leadership while continuing to provide assistance.

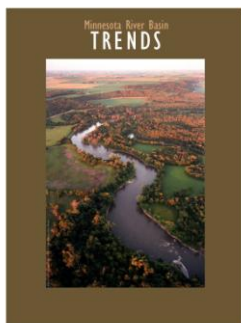
Minnesota River Clean-Up: Ten Years Later

The Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) put together a report on the effort to improve



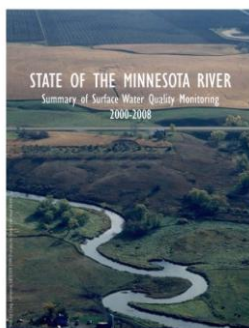
water quality in the Minnesota River Basin ten years after Governor Arne Carlson's famous proclamation of making the river swimmable and fishable. Founded in 1974, MCEA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of Minnesota's environment and health of its people. MCEA looked at water quality

problems from 1992, the goals and recommendations for cleaning up the river, what had been accomplished, the amount of money spent, and water quality results. The report's findings covered major pollutant sources and actions to address them, how the Minnesota River looked ten years later and a set of conclusions and recommendations to continue the effort to improve water quality in the basin.



The Minnesota River Trends Report provides a broad overview of trends related to the state of the Minnesota River. This easy-to-read overview summarizes some of the major demographic, land use, water quality, biological and recreational trends in the Minnesota River over the past 10 to 100 years depending on data availability. In a few cases where an analysis of change over time was not possible, the report includes information on current conditions.

<http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/mnbasin/trends/index.html>



This report presents selected results from water quality monitoring at four mainstem Minnesota River locations and fourteen outlets of major tributary streams (streams draining watersheds greater than 100,000 acres). The information represents results from more than 4,000 water quality samples collected from 2000-08. This report highlights findings regarding excessive sediment, nutrient enrichment, and environmental health concerns in the Minnesota River Basin.

<http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/reports/basin/statemr08.html>

Other Significant Minnesota River Basin documents

- Minnesota River Assessment Project Report, January 1994
- Working Together: A Plan to Restore the Minnesota River, December 1994 (Minnesota River Citizens' Advisory Committee)
- Minnesota River Basin Plan, December 2001
- Minnesota River Clean-Up: Ten Years Later, October 2002
- Progress on a Long Voyage: Decades of Effort Show Improvement in the Minnesota River Water Quality, January 2007
- Minnesota River Summit Summary, February 2007
- Identifying Sediment Sources in the Minnesota River Basin, June 2009
- Minnesota River Statistical Trend Analysis, November 2009



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